

## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting Monday, March 4, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Pro-tem George welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem George said Mayor Holder is not feeling well and could not be here tonight. He said we wish him a speedy recovery.

**Opening:** Councilmember Campbell offered the opening prayer and Mayor Pro-tem George invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Mayor Pro-tem George presided. **Council Members:** Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody and Bessie Kicklighter. **Absent:** Tennyson Holder, Mayor and Judy Shuman, Councilmember

**Staff Present:** Brian Johnson, City Manager; Ron Feldner, Deputy City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Scott Allison, PED Director; Cory Salley, Finance Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director and Benny Googe, Public Works Director. **Absent:** James P. Gerard, City Attorney and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director

**Presentations:**

**Employee of the Quarter:** City Manager and Director of Finance presented the Employee of the Quarter Certificate to Ms. Lynette Hymes, Chief Accountant.

**Fire Department Special Recognition:** Chief Crosby said the Fire Department received from Congressman Jack Kingston a flag that had been flown over the White House as special recognition for their community outreach services.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Pro-tem George opened the floor to receive informal public comments from the audience.

Mr. Porter Harrison, Custom Metal Fabricators, 56 Telfair Place, expressed the following concerns

- Drainage issues in the Telfair Place area
- Truck traffic and speeding on Chatham Parkway
- Would like to see a traffic signal installed at the intersection of Telfair Place & Chatham Parkway

Mayor Pro-tem said we do not have a lot on the agenda tonight and requested Mr. Harrison stay after the meeting to speak with the City Manager about his concerns.

City Manager said I will be happy to meet with you after the meeting.

Ms. Cynthia Parlin, Heidt Avenue, expressed a concern about the drainage in my area. She said back in 2009 the City ran a pipe and now all the water drains onto my property.

Mayor Pro-tem George asked Ms. Parlin to stay after the meeting to discuss her concerns with the City Manager.

Mr. Joseph Giles, Savannah Auto, Chatham Parkway said I also have a concern about the flooding in the area. He said we need a solution so that the area doesn't flood.

Mayor Pro-tem George asked Mr. Giles to stay after the meeting to discuss his concerns with the City Manager.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Pro-tem George closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 2/18/13.

**Staff Reports:**

PED Director presented the Planning & Economic Department's Monthly Status Report.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Status Report.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Status Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Status Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Status Report.

**City Manager Updates:**

City Manager gave an overview of the new norm for the train traffic in the historic area of Garden City. He said we will have information regarding the train traffic's new norm on our website which will include maps, etc.

Councilmember Bethune said we talked with our representatives when we were in Atlanta about the potholes on Highway 21 and we forwarded a letter to GDOT and conveyed the letter to State Representative Bob Bryant. He asked the City Manager to find out from GDOT the status on repairing the potholes on highway 21.

**Items for Consideration:**

**Resolution:** City Manager read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to abandon an unopened portion of Borroughs Street between Heidt Avenue and Dogleg Avenue.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution on the resolution.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Pro-tem George made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bethune to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

*Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council*

*Adopted by City Council 3/18/13*

